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GOV. EASLEY REAPPOINTS THREE TO MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley has reappointed **James Archer “Jimmy” Johnson Jr.** of Washington, **Dr. B.J. Copeland** of Pittsboro and **Dr. Barbara Garrity-Blake** of Gloucester to the North Carolina Marine Fisheries Commission.

Johnson, who has served on the commission since 1997, is currently director of sales and marketing at Sea Safari, Ltd. He is a national officer of the National Fisheries Institute and serves on the board of directors. Johnson is a member of the N.C. State University advisory committee for the departments of bio/agricultural engineering and food science. He received his bachelor of science degree in biological and agricultural engineering from NCSU.

Copeland is a retired professor with NCSU’s Department of Zoology and has served on the commission since 1999. He has held membership in the Limnology and Oceanography Societies and the Ecological Society of America. Copeland received his bachelor’s, master’s and doctrine degrees from Oklahoma State University.

Garrity-Blake is completing her third year of commission service and is co-chair of its Habitat and Water Quality Committee. She has a doctorate in anthropology from the University of Virginia, specializing in fisheries issues and the labor history of the menhaden fishery. Garrity-Blake has taught anthropology at East Carolina University and Carteret Community College, and is currently researching the ethno-history of Hatteras Island and Ocracoke for the National Park Service.

The Marine Fisheries Commission manages, regulates and protects marine and estuarine resources. This includes implementing laws related to these resources enacted by the General Assembly. The Commission has nine members who serve three-year terms, each appointed by the Governor.

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